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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CSCE, ECE, SENV, XH, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET APPROACH ON HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON  
ENVIRONMENT

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 5620 (B) STATE 79059

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY MOSCOW THAT GENEVA  
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SHOULD REMAIN FORUM FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS ON  
BREZHNEV PROPOSALS. REF B OUTLINES, FOR YOUR INFORMATION,  
CURRENT U.S. VIEWS.

2. WE ALSO FULLY CONCUR THAT EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE NO  
INITIATIVE TO DISCUSS WITH SOVIETS. IF CALLED IN, HOWEVER,  
YOU CAN MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. U.S. HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN READY TO EXAMINE OBJECTIVELY TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT A HIGH LEVEL MEETING (HLM) ON ENVIRONMENT.

B. DISCUSSIONS SO FAR IN GENEVA HAVE BEEN USEFUL. OF THE FIVE TOPICS IDENTIFIED BY ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK AS HOLDING PROMISE, ONE MIGHT MEET THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED AT LAST YEAR'S PLENARY: TRANS-BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION. NO OTHER TOPIC FULLY MEETS THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

C. THE ECE AND STANOVNIK HAVE OUR COMPLETE CONFIDENCE. WE SEE NO NEED FOR A HLM TO GIVE A POLITICAL PUSH TO ANY TOPIC. RATHER, A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING COULD ONLY BE THE RESULT OF CAREFUL PREPARATION, AND USEFUL TO TAKE FINAL DECISIONS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE. ANY SUCH MEETING WOULD THUS BE THE CULMINATION OF THE PREPARATION PROCESS. - - ;

D. ANY DECISION IN PRINCIPLE AT THE UPCOMING PLENARY TO HOLD A MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED IN 1979, TO INSURE THAT PREPARATIONS HAVE ADVANCED TO A MEANINGFUL STAGE. -

E. THE FACILITIES IN GENEVA FOR ANY POSSIBLE MEETING  
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ARE EXCELLENT, AND IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE EASIER ON THE TIGHT U.N. BUDGET NOT TO MOVE STANOVNIK AND HIS STAFF. THE U.S. FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT ANY MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA.

F. THE U.S. LOOKS FORWARD TO DISCUSSION IN ANY FURTHER DETAIL IN GENEVA AS THE PLENARY APPROACHES.

3. DEPARTMENT REPEATING REF A TO ADDRESSEES WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT. COOPER

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